

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S11335–S11396*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2980–2987, S. Res. 469, and S. Con. Res. 145. **Page S11377**

**Measures Reported:** Reported on Wednesday, November 10, during the adjournment:

S. 297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgement process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–403)

S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–404)

S. 702, to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act. (S. Rept. No. 108–405)

Report to accompany S. 2843, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans. (S. Rept. No. 108–406)

S. 2647, to establish a national ocean policy, to set forth the missions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to ensure effective interagency coordination, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–407)

S. 2275, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) to provide for homeland security assistance for high-risk nonprofit organizations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–408)

S. 1798, to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bed-clothing, and candles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on today:

S. 593, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member

of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–409)

S. 2409, to provide for continued health benefits coverage for certain Federal employees, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–410)

S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–411)

S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–412)

S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–413) **Page S11377**

#### MEASURES PASSED:

***Children's Hospitals Educational Equity and Research Act:*** Senate passed S. 2526, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11385–86**

***State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act:*** Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 2283, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, and the bill was then passed. **Page S11386**

***Coastal and Ocean Mapping Integration Act:*** Senate passed S. 2489, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping

activities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11386–89**

**Research Review Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5213, to expand research information regarding multidisciplinary research projects and epidemiological studies, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11389**

**National Ocean Exploration Program Act:** Senate passed S. 2280, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S11389–90**

**Commercial Space Transportation Liability:** Senate passed H.R. 5245, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11390**

**Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5163, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide the Department of Transportation a more focused research organization with an emphasis on innovative technology, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11390**

**Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Clean Up Reauthorization:** Senate passed H.R. 4794, to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to extend the authorization of appropriations, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11390**

**Medicare Cost Sharing Extension:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2618, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for the medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through September 2005, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S11390–91**

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 145, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1417. **Pages S11392–93**

**Debt Limit Extension—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, Senate begin consideration of S. 2986 to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit. **Page S11390**

**National Intelligence Reform Act:** On October 16, during the adjournment, Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and agreed to House request for a conference, and appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Collins, Lott, DeWine,

Roberts, Voinovich, Sununu, Coleman, Lieberman, Levin, Durbin, Rockefeller, Graham (FL), and Lautenberg, pursuant to the orders of October 10 and 11, 2004.

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Germany (Treaty Doc. No. 108–27).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S11391**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 85 yeas 12 nays (Vote No. Ex. 212), Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army. **Page S11357**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Dallas Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2010.

Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 19, 2006.

Ernest J. Wilson III of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010. (Reappointment)

Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2009. (Reappointment)

Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2008. (Reappointment)

Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2009.

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009. (Reappointment)

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. (Reappointment)

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007. (Reappointment)

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2007. (Reappointment)

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007. (Reappointment)

Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010. (Reappointment)

Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009.

Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2005.

Sharon Tucker, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2005.

Charles P. Ruch, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2010.

Edward Alton Parrish, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2008.

Laurie Stenberg Nichols, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2010.

Mimi Mager, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2007.

Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General.

Patricia Cushwa, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Jennifer M. Anderson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

34 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Ann C. Rosenthal, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of

Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2003, which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2003.

Ann C. Rosenthal, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2006. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2003.

Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on November 21, 2003.

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**Messages From the House:** **Pages S11372–73**

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**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S11385**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—212) **Page S11357**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11391–92.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IRAQ STORAGE SITES

*Committee on Armed Services:* on Wednesday, November 10, Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the al Qaqaa munitions storage site in Iraq, an overview of security of munitions storage sites in Iraq, and an update on the status of protective equipment for vehicles and military personnel serving in Iraq from Colonel William M. Caniano, USA, Assistant Director for Intelligence, J-2, Rear Admiral Mark D. Hamitcheck, USN, Vice Director for Logistics, J-4, and Brigadier General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Deputy Director for Regional Operations, J-3.